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Story Starter

It is always fun to make up your own story by writing about people and places that you know. Here is the beginning of a story. Use your imagination to finish the story. For a little extra challenge, try to make your Cabbage Patch Kid part of the story! Remember, your Cabbage Patch Kid is special and one of a kind, so think carefully about what he or she would do based on your Kid's personality.

The Big Winter Day

It was winter in the town of _____ and the weather was _____. I was outside playing with some of my friends, _____.
All of a sudden, we looked up and saw_____.
We were so surprised to see _____, so we: _____
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Before we left, _____
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After I was back at home, I thought about what had happened._____
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_____.

Fun Facts

Memorize these facts, then impress your friends and family:

Did you know...

- Sharks have the most powerful jaws of any creature and grow as many as 20,000 new teeth during their life.
- The opposite sides of a dice cube always add up to seven.
- The original name for the butterfly was 'flutterby'
- Lightning strikes about 6,000 times per minute on this planet.

Got The Winter Time Blues?

Try These Pinecone Projects!

You and your parents can make some cool things out of pinecones that fall off the trees. So gather some up from your yard or the park and then go inside where its warm to get started on these fun projects:

Sparkle Pinecones

What you need:
Pinecones, Glue, Sparkles, Plastic bag, String, Yarn or Ribbon.

How to make it:
1. Paint or roll the Pinecones in a mixture of 2 parts school glue and 1 part water.
2. Put some sparkles in the plastic bag and then put in the Pinecones.
3. Shake the bag to coat the Pinecones
4. OPTIONAL: tie a ribbon onto them and hang them up.

It's A Great Holiday Decoration!

Pinecone Bird Feeder

What you need:
Pinecones, Peanut Butter, Bird seed on a plate, String, Yarn or Ribbon

How to make it:
1. Tie the string or yarn to the top (the skinny end) of the pinecone. Make sure it is tied tight, so the pinecone will not fall off.
2. Spread the peanut butter all over the pinecone. You can do this using a knife or your fingers.
3. Then roll the peanut butter/pinecone through the bird seed. The bird seed will stick to the peanut butter.
4. Hang your pinecone bird feeder in your yard and watch the birds enjoy this delicious treat as they eat the bird seed and the peanut butter off of the pinecone.

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Cooking Up Some Fun!

Did you know there are some cookies that don't have to be baked in the oven before you eat them? Here are two recipes for "no-bake" cookies. They are very easy to make and they taste great! They are so good you can give them as gifts to your friends, grandparents and teachers.

Chocolately No-Bake Cookies

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
4 T cocoa
3 t. vanilla
1/2 cup peanut butter
3 cups oats

Mix the first 4 ingredients together in a pot. Then bring to a boil on top of the stove. Boil for 2 minutes, then take off of the heat. Add vanilla and peanut butter. Stir until all the ingredients are completely mixed together. Then stir in the oats.
Spoon out onto wax paper and cool. Makes 3 dozen.

Peanut Butter Balls

1 cup crunchy peanut butter
2 tablespoons butter
Fine coconut
1 cup icing sugar
1 cup Rice Krispies
Butter icing

Combine the peanut butter, icing sugar, and butter. Mix well. Mix in the Rice Krispies. Form into 1 inch balls. Roll in the butter icing. Roll in the coconut. Refrigerate before eating. Makes 3 dozen.

Coloring Fun!

Word Search

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Word List

Cold
Gift
Wrap
New Years
Holiday
Celebrate
Family
Snow